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SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Originally there was a proposal for having only one college and that was to be in Madras City. Now in the Second Five-Year Plan, we find provision for two medical colleges. When did the Government decide to locate one medical college at Coimbatore? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No decision has been taken regarding the location of the colleges. The Government of India will consider the needs of different States and then decide where new medical colleges have to be established. "

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" May I know whether there is any proposal to start a medical college at Malabar ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No place for starting medical college has yet been decided upon. Malabar may have as good a chance as any other district. "

SRI S. S. KOLKEBAIL :—" May I know whether the Government have any proposal to take over the Kasturba Medical College, Udipi, under the Second Five-Year Plan ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir. "

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Hon. Minister said that Malabar would have a chance and we are thankful for it. But on a previous occasion, when he was interviewed by a correspondent of a responsible newspaper, he gave the categorical answer that none of the proposed colleges was to be located in Malabar. Why does he say now that still Malabar has got a chance ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Which correspondent of what paper and at what time he interviewed me I am not aware. "

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" We will pass on to the next question. "

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" This is an important question and I request some more time may be allowed for it. "

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" Members can speak about this in the discussion of the Second Five-Year Plan and the Hon. Leader of the House will give a reply. "

Repairs to Emaneswaram tank

2322 *Q.*—SRI G. GOVINDAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the repair to the tank at Emaneswaram village in Ramanathapuram district was last done ;

(*b*) whether there is sufficient water now to irrigate 1,000 acres ;

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(c) whether the Government propose to do any repairs to the channel from the Vaigai river leading to the tank; and

(d) if so, when?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (a) 1951.

" (b) No. Though the tank can hold water sufficient to irrigate 1,000 acres through two fillings, there was no water in the tank at the time of inspection by the local officers during the third week of April 1955."

" (c) The supply channel taking off from the left bank of the river Vaigai at a point about three miles north-west of Paramakudi town is two miles long up to its entry into the tank and this channel was silt cleared and widened in 1950 at a cost of Rs. 2,900. No further repairs are contemplated now to this channel.

" (d) Does not arise."

Present stage of Ghiriyar Project.

* 2323 Q—SRI P. URKAVALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the stage at which the proposed Ghiriyar Project stands at present ?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGHA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" A preliminary report has been obtained from the Chief Engineer with the remarks of the Board of Revenue and it is being examined."

Orphanages run out of Devasthanam fuuds in the State

* 2324 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) the number of orphanages run in the State out of Devasthanam funds ; and

(b) the percentage of expenditure on them to the income of the Devasthanams ?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) Ten.

" (b) The percentage of total expenditure on all the orphanages to the total income of the devasthanams was 1·6 in fasli 1363 and 0·4 in fasli 1364."

Craft teachers in the Madras Corporation High Schools

* 2325 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government are paying any grant towards the pay of the craft teacher in the Madras Corporation High Schools? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"No, Sir."